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ECONOMIC SURVEYS

Maryland farmers will have the opportunity to “let their voice be heard” by participating in the upcoming 2002 agricultural economic survey. This survey, titled the 2002 Agricultural Resource Management Study (ARMS), provides vital statistics about the economic condition of production agriculture. As Maryland’s



number one industry, agriculture contributes almost \$18 billion to the state’s economy and over 410,000 workers. This survey will help provide a current picture of agricultural production and gives farmers a strong voice for their financial future. Producers chosen

to participate in the survey will be visited by an interviewer to complete the report at the farm operator’s convenience. Results will be published in a series of reports on the current farm financial situation, available in July. Results of last year’s survey can be found on the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service website at www.usda.gov/nass/md or by calling 1-800-675-0295.

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SURVEY BENEFITS

- ▶ Farmers and their organizations need reliable data showing the current economic conditions on farms to have a strong voice for financial future.
- ▶ Survey results help determine disaster relief and direct payment funding.
- ▶ Without these facts, credit providers have very limited information and take conservative financial positions.

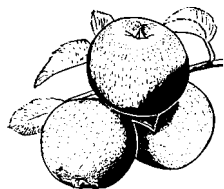
Survey results provide a financial benchmark for the Farm Services Agency and other organizations. Federal programs, legislation, and impact studies would struggle under great uncertainty without these facts.

2002 AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SURVEY INTERVIEWERS

Kay Spinnato	Jacqui England	Grayson Bowers	Jerry Shaw	Steve Westre	P.A. Keating
Somerset	Cecil	Carroll	Anne Arundel	Kent	Cecil
Wicomico	Harford	Frederick	Calvert	Queen Anne’s	Kent
Janice Russell	Kent	Richard Frounfelter	Charles	Linda Sockrider	Queen Anne’s
Dorchester	Judy Koliopulos	Baltimore	Prince George’s	Worcester	Melaine Morford
Talbot	Frederick	Carroll	Carolyn Ganoe	Robert Fastnaught	Caroline
Smitty Snow	Washington	Howard	Allegany	St. Mary’s	
Cecil		Montgomery	Garrett		

FRUIT PRODUCTION

Maryland fruit growers produced 32 million pounds of apples in 2002, 22 percent less than the 41 million pounds produced in 2001. Utilized production totaled 31.9 million pounds, 22 percent below 2001's 40.7 million pounds. The season average price for utilized production was 14.3 cents per pound, down from 15.5 cents per pound in 2001. The value of Maryland's utilized production for 2002 was \$4.5 million compared with \$6.3 million in



2001. Maryland peach growers produced 7.0 million pounds of peaches in 2002, down 20 percent from 2001. The season average price for the 2002 peach crop was 39.2 cents per pound compared with 36.7 cents for the 2001 crop. The value of the utilized production totaled \$2.7 million, down 16 percent from the \$3.2

million for 2001. **United States** utilized apple production for 2002 is estimated at 8.47 billion pounds, down 8 percent from the 2001 level. Washington's utilized production increased 5 percent compared to the weather reduced 2001 crop. California, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania decreased total utilized production from previous year due to poor weather and less bearing acreage. Utilized peach production in 2002 is estimated at 2.47 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year but 1 percent below 2000. The California crop, accounting for 76 percent of the U.S. utilized peach production, is up 12 percent from 2001. For California, Clingstone and Freestone peach production increased 19 percent and 3 percent, respectively, from 2001. California, experienced excellent growing conditions during 2002.

MARYLAND AND UNITED STATES FRUIT PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	Total Production		Utilized Production		Season Average Price		Value of Utilized Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Million /LBS				Cents/LBS		Thousand \$	
APPLES								
Maryland	40.8	32.0	40.7	31.9	15.5	14.3	6,292	4,549
United States	9,428.7	8,592.1	9,214.4	8,474.2	15.7	19.1	1,448,348	1,622,135
PEACHES								
Maryland	8.8	7.0	8.8	7.0	36.7	39.2	3,226	2,741
United States	2,433.3	2,575.4	2,334.9	2,472.5	21.1	20.5	493,298	507,089

MILK PRODUCTION

Maryland dairy operators produced 334 million pounds of milk during the October-December quarter, up 4 percent from the same quarter a year earlier. There were to 80,000 head, 1,000 fewer than a year earlier. Yield per cow at 4,175 pounds increased 224 pounds, from a year earlier. The quarterly production of milk for the U.S. was 41.5 billion pounds, 1.7 percent above the

October-December period last year. The average number of milk in the U.S. during the October-December quarter was 9.15 million head, 43,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Milk Production October - December Quarter 2001 and 2002

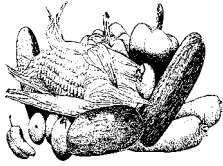
	MILK COWS ¹		MILK PER COW ²		MILK PRODUCTION ²		2002/2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
STATE	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Maryland	81	80	3,951	4,175	320	334	104
United States	9,105	9,148	4,483	4,538	40,818	41,511	102

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES

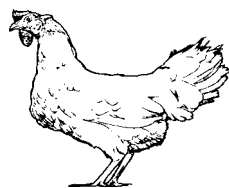
Fresh Market Vegetable production decreased 20 percent in 2002. Production of major vegetable commodities totaled 2.0 million hundredweight (cwt.), down from 2.5 million cwt. in 2001. Lima Bean, Snap Beans, Broccoli, Cabbage, Sweet



Corn, and Cucumber productions were down, while production of all other crops remained unchanged or increased. Yields of Lima beans, Snap Beans, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Sweet Corn, and Turnips all decreased from the previous year. Harvested acreage also decreased 3 percent from 2001, totaling 21,870 acres.

Vegetables for Fresh Market: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, Maryland, 2000-2002							
Crop	Year	Planted	Harvested	Production		Season Avg. Price	Value of Production
				Per Acre	Total		
				Cwt.	(000) Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	(000) Dollars
Beans, Lima	2000	330	320	22	7	75.00	528
	2001	320	310	20	6	78.00	501
	2002	340	320	15	5	84.00	403
Beans, Snap	2000	2,000	1,900	25	48	41.00	1,968
	2001	2,300	2,200	36	79	30.00	2,370
	2002	2,200	2,100	20	42	41.00	1,722
Broccoli	2000	300	290	60	17	78.00	1,357
	2001	310	300	60	18	73.00	1,314
	2002	300	290	55	16	73.00	1,164
Cabbage	2000	650	630	125	79	14.00	1,106
	2001	670	650	120	78	17.00	1,326
	2002	690	660	100	66	13.00	858
Cantaloups	2000	1,500	1,400	94	132	21.00	2,772
	2001	1,700	1,600	110	176	20.00	3,520
	2002	1,800	1,600	110	176	20.00	3,520
Cauliflower	2000	100	100	50	5	52.00	260
	2001	100	100	50	5	50.00	250
	2002	100	100	45	5	49.00	221
Sweet Corn	2000	11,200	10,900	51	556	19.00	10,564
	2001	11,200	10,900	84	916	18.00	16,488
	2002	11,000	10,500	50	525	22.00	11,550
Cucumbers	2000	1,300	1,200	75	90	24.00	2,160
	2001	1,400	1,300	65	85	23.00	1,955
	2002	1,300	1,200	70	84	28.00	2,352
Greens, Other	2000	1,900	1,800	67	121	44.00	5,306
	2001	1,900	1,800	55	99	40.00	3,960
	2002	1,800	1,700	64	109	43.00	4,678
Turnips	2000	200	190	36	7	32.00	219
	2001	200	190	37	7	30.00	211
	2002	200	200	35	7	32.00	224
Watermelons	2000	3,000	2,900	195	566	9.00	5,094
	2001	3,200	3,100	280	868	8.00	6,944
	2002	3,400	3,200	280	896	10.00	8,960

CHICKENS AND EGGS



Maryland laying flocks produced 79 million eggs during December 2002, of which 76 million were table eggs and 3 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 78.7%. The average number of layers on hand during December 2002 was 3,238,000. On January 1, 2003, 2.5% of the

layers in Maryland were being molted, but 48.5% of all layers had been through a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 99.2 million were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2002 averaged 337 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,187 eggs, compared to 2,188 eggs in December 2001.

Eggs and Layers: December 2001-2002

Item	2001	2002	2002/2001
Eggs Produced During December	<i>-----Million-----</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Maryland	84	79	94
U.S.	7,420	7,380	99
Layers, Average Number During December	<i>-----Thousand-----</i>		
Maryland	3,418	3,238	95
U.S.	339,105	337,398	99
Eggs / 100 Layers During December	<i>-----Number-----</i>		
Maryland	2,458	2,440	99
U.S.	2,188	2,187	100

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